

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

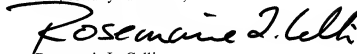
After entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10-12, 17, 21-26, 28, 31-37, 56-58, 60-90 and 93-104 are pending, claim 27 having been canceled. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6-8, 10-12, 17, 21-24, 31, 32, 35-37, 82-90 and 93-104 are under consideration.

Claim 27 has been canceled to moot a double patenting rejection made in US Application No. 10/923,469. As stated in the appeal brief filed on August 31, 2009 for US Application No. 10/923,469, "As to the specific rejection over withdrawn claim 27 of the '289 application, an amendment will be filed in the '289 application cancelling this claim, mooting this basis of rejection."

The issues raised in the final office action mailed June 4, 2009 will be addressed under separated cover.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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